NE AMERIC

Channel Steamer Sussex is Torn by Explosion and Many of Crew Are Reported Killed--Towed to Boulogne in Sinking Condition.

Cause of Disaster is Undetermined, but French Report Says That Ship Was Torpedoed -American Girl is Badly Hurt in Explosion.

London, March 25-Information obtained from passengers on the channel steamship Sussex, damaged by an explosion yesterday afternoon on the way from Folkestone to Dieppe, indicates there may have been considerable loss of life.

One American is missing and is supposed to have been lost. Another was seriously injured. Several Americans were res-

Opinion of passengers of the Sussex is divided as to whether the vessel was damaged by a mine or a torpedo. The explomine or a torpedo. The explosion occurred just ahead of the
captain's bridge and tore the
front part of the steamer to street, Lawrence, Mass.; P. Buckley

was a horse snip.

The missing Americans are Peter
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The Admiralty states that 250 survivors have been landed in France and between 90 and 100 at Dover. As there were 386 passengers and about 50 men in the crew, 75 or more persons are still missing.

also were on board the vessel. have been taken to Bolougne. addition to other injuries, Miss Bald-cantara which sunk the German raid-the ship.
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United States Rubber Export Co., and German raider Greif, disguised as a before she succeeded in passing our Francis E. Drake, European manager Norwegian merchant vessel, and the line of patrols." of the company, are among the Ameri British armed merchant cruiser Al-

was killed by the explosion and that the purser was wounded seriously. An American whose name is not known to survivors who have reached London, was talking with the Baldwin family, close to the captain

of the ship on the bridge when the

explosion occurred. He has not been seen since that time and is supposed. The explosion occurred at about p. m., when the Sussex was an hour and a half out of Folkestone.

A number of Americans cross the channel by amost every passenger steamer, most of them on business. Bookings are not made in advance for particular steamers. having passports entrain at London and their names are taken when they go aboard steamers. A large num-ber of Americans obtained permits to go to France during the last week and it is a virtual certainty that a number of them were on the Sussex. The Sussex carried 12 lifeboats and several rafts. The lifeboats were load-

ed quickly after the explosion. Cool discipline was maintained, although there was some scrambling for the boats,

The second boat which was lowered containing 40 persons, was overturn-Passengers state that 30 of those in this boat were drowned.

A number of the passengers jumped overboard. Gratings and pieces of furniture were thrown to them from the More than half of those who leaped into the water are believed to have lost their lives. There were 270 women and children on the vessel. The foremast and wireless appa-

ratus were blown away by the explosion. The wireless operator attempted cessfully to rig a substitute.

failed to answer signals of distress. For some time the Sussex drifted about 150 pounds. Her pumps were kept working and little water was taken. A man found is scarcely ever visited, except named Edward Marshall, believed to by persons tracking rabbits or other the well known syndicate writer animals. (Continued on Page 2.)

THE WEATHER

THIRTEEN AMERICANS ABOARD HLI-FATED CHANNEL STEAMER

Thirteen Americans were aboard the channel steamship Sussex, damaged by an explosion yesterday while on the way from Folkestone to Dieppe. Whether the ship was torpedoed is as yet undetermined.

One American, Edward Huxley, is missing, and another has been seriously hurt. The other Americans were rescued unhurt, it is reported.

The Americans aboard the ship were: J. N. Baldwin, 55; Helen Baldwin, 51; Elizabeth Baldwin, 24; Gertrude Barnes, 33; Charles T. Crocker, 20; Samuel Bemis, 24; Henry Deer, 55; Ida Deer; Lillian C. S. Harde, 45; Edna S. Harde, 41; Edward Huxley; Dorothy Phipps Hilton, 37; Edna Frances Hilton.

TORPEDOED HORSE SHIP

reports to the state department today known. say the Dominion line steamer Englishman, sunk near the British Isles

was a horse ship.

Washington, March 25-Consular and M. A. Burke, addresses un-

Armstrong at Bristol, and said the was torpedoed and that four Ameri- Englishman was torpedoed at an uncans are missing. The Englishman known place and time and that 33 survivors had been brought into an

London, March 25.-A German raider | "Five German officials and 115 men inent American resident of Paris, was has been sunk in the North Sea. Five out of the total complement, believed to have been over 300. It should be said he knew them by sight and that property in the North Sea. Five out of the total of 300, were captured. The Brit-noted that during the names of the took no part in the melling the has been sunk in the North Sea. Five out of the total of the total of the total of the total of 300, were captured. The Brit-noted that during the names of the took no part in the melling the has been sunk in the North Sea. Five out of the total complement, believed to have been over 300. It should be said he knew them by sight and that

cans rescued from the Sussex. They cantara, Captain T. E. Wardle. It rereport that there was a heavy loss of life, including probably several German raider being sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara apparently by a been in the service of the British gov-

five officers and 69 men.

Miss Baldwip's father and mother total of 300, were captured. The British armed merchantman Alwegian colors painted on the side of the mother is lost 74 men.

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id, of Merton College, Oxford, are issued:
her Americans who were saved.
"A engagement occurred on Feb. 29 has learned that the Greif, a similar ship to the Moewe, had been destroyed.

torpedo. ernment for some time. Her gross
"The British losses were made up of tonnage was 15,300. She was 570 feet long and was built in Glasgow in 1913.

YOUTH HANGING IN DENSE WOOD

Dressed Young Man-May Be Chicagoan.

Woodmont, March 25,-While trailtween the Pond point and Woodmont roads this morning, Harry Rogers of Burwell's Beach came upon the hanging body of a young man.

limb of a trree by a twisted shirt tied to a necktie. A green hat lay on the ow near the tree. Medical Examiner W. J. H. Fischer of Milford was called, and the body was cut down. He said that the apparent solution of the case was self-

The body was suspended from

inflicted strangulation. The body had been hanging nearly a week. Undertaker George J. Smith took charge of the body and it lies at his morgue in Milford. Nothing could be found this after-

one of the pockets was a handkerchief bearing the letter "K." The man was scarcely 22. He wore a grey suit of excellent material, a A sailing vessel appeared on the green hat, black shoes and a tan neck-orizon soon after the explosion, but tie with black stripes. He was five black stripes.

noon to establish an identification.

feet eight inches in height and weighed The place in which the body was

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FRANCIS ROONEY WILL BE CLERK OF BRIDGE BOARD

Mystery in Suicide of Well- Island Brook Avenue Resident Slated to Succeed Charles Poland.

> the commissions and Francis Rooney been left standing. of 185 Island Brook avenue will be named in his place.

Mr. Rooney is a clerk in the office same type bridge will be built and J. 2:25. B. Strauss of Chicago is consulting engineer for both bridges.

Strike May Close Shop In Winsted

Winsted, Conn., March 25-A statement given out at the office of the ductor Darwin Wood and Engineer G. Winsted Hosiery company where Bova, of Hartford. of employment.

FORMER JUDGE ARRAIGNS CITY **COURT METHODS**

Thomas C. Coughlin Tells Judge Bartlett How To Run the Tribunal-

WHY SINGLE OUT JITNEURS?" HE ASKS

Police Not On Their Job, Declares Former Commissioner in Court.

are being made "goats" of and that the police department is not doing what they are getting paid to do, was the scathing arraignment made of the court officials, and the police Coughlin, former city court judge,

former police commissioner.

Nine jitney drivers were arraigned GERMANS FALL BACK on a charge of violating the city ordinance relative to allowing passengers to ride on the door of litneys. They were fined \$2 each without

Previous to the arraigning of the jitneurs two cases had been disposed of by the court, in a manner that met with the disapproval of Judge 17, on a charge of reckless driving after he had struck a colored man at Stratford and Central avenues. Han-sen was also charged with operating a motor vehicle without having a li-

Hansen said he had applied for a license for 1916. Prosecutor Earle E. Garlick communicated with Secretary of State Burnes and the latter in formed Garlick that Hansen had not The despatches to the state departnent were from American Consul year. When informed of this Hansen admitted in city court today that he had not sent the money for the licens until a few hours after he had been He received his license two days after being arrested. His case was nolled on payment of costs.

The other case was that of John Rowe of Bassick avenue. He was one of a group of three men the saulted Luther Majorian, 123 Mid-dle street, a jitneur. The trio are alleged to have assaulted the jitneur at State street and Howard avenue at 12:25 last Saturday night. Policeman Bolger chased Rowe and was compelled to fire three shots after In city court Roy the argument and that he saw Ma- ary of \$2,000 per year. he ate at the same restaurant with monia. he did not want to be mixed up in an affair of such a serious nature. He promised to aid the count in the DEMOCRATS OF promised to aid the court in apprehending the wanted men. Judge

FREIGHT TRAINS FLAGMAN KILLED

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Rear End Collision in Yards choose 14 delegates to the national convention and 14 alternates. To One.

Canaan, Conn., March *25 .- In a colision of trains in the Canaan yards today, G. H. Schooemaker, a freight flagman, was so badly crushed that he died twenty minutes after crawling out of the wreckage. Pende ing an inquiry by Coroner Herrmann of Winsted, the crews of both trains involved were held.

The regular freight was north bound over the Central New England road, When the next joint meeting of the Bast Washington avenue and Grand street bridge commissions is called section went ahead to the water tank. Charles Poland, superintendent of the An extra freight which was following High school, will resign as clerk of crashed into the section which had

It is said the engineer of the extra, coming down the grade from Norfolk, was unable to hold his train quick enough after seeing that a freight secof the Automatic Machine Co. He has been active in Republican polities in the was standing on the line ahead of the local transfer of Naturalization Clerk Planagan tobeen active in Republican politics in him. The extra's engine crushed the day to apply for a passport. She and the Eighth district and has been a candidate for appointment to the police force. The clerkship of the bridge commissions will pay about \$1,000 per this car and he crawled out of the transfer was in this car and he crawled out of the this car and he crawled out year. There has been talk of making wreckage, was picked up by the other a clerkship for each commission. Joint men and taken to the station where meetings have been held because the he died. His watch had stopped at

> Dr. C. W. Camp, the medical examiner, viewed the body. An empty coal car next to the caboose was derailed, Other damage to rolling stock was trivial:

Schooemaker's age was 35 and he belonged in Poughkeepsie where he leaves a wife and two children.

twenty spinners struck yesterday at- Extra No. 112 had two engines and

The collision occurred in the yard near the Catholic church crossing.

Berlin, March 25-Verdun is in flames, according to an official announcement today from the War Office.

The extent of the conflagration is not known. The fire was started, according to the War Office announcement, by German shells during a heavy artillery duel this

The only mention of the burning of Verdun is con-That justice was not being proper- tained in this brief announcement: "In the Meuse district. by meted out in city court, that a artillery duels were especially lively and in the course of city ordinance is a farce, that jitneurs these engagements Verdun was set on fire."

No Confirmation in Paris.

Paris, March 25-No mention is made in today's ofdepartment in general, by Thomas C. ficial statement of the reported firing of Verdun by Gerwhen defending a group of jitney man shells. The war office announcement says that, aside to be fleeing west in the San drivers arraised before Judge Fred-eric A. Bartlett in city court this morning. Judge Coughlin also is a in the Verdan region."

Miguel country, having success-fully eluded the net that was

REFORE RUSSIAN DRIVE

Berlin, March 25-Military activity n the northern sector of the eastern battle front continues despite alternat-

ing rain and snow. Russian drumfire was heavy on the night of March 20 and in the early Coughlin. One of the cases was that of Raymond N. Hansen of Devon, Narocz and Wizniew lakes and it was ran from Blisniki to Mokryza, thence westward.

> attack against this small salient with a harassing concentric fire and the Germans drew back to their second

attacking columns, were sanguinarily being drawn around him by them to Blissnek. The Russian lesses were said to

Hansen was arrested March Particularly heavy just southward of Saloniki, March 25—An attempt at Saloniki March 25—An attempt a Saloniki, March 25-An attempt at was made last night. The Zeppelin did not reach the city, however, be-The Russians directed their main ing kept beyond the French lines.

ttack against this small salient with A French biplane whose observer

line to avoid unnecessary losses. The Russians, who came forward in hasty ing into Lake Doiran.

Will Be Named To Take Naval Officer Speeding Thou-Place In Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Senator John M. O'Connell who is

STATE TO MEET

New Haven, March 25-The Democratic state convention will be held in this city, in Music hall, on May son-in-law of the deceased, was ap-9 and 10. The official call will be pointed administrator of the estate. sent out on Monday by Secretary P. Besides his widow and their son, Zoly-B. O'Sullivan, of the state central moi is survived by two daughters, Bes-

Pickpocket Gets \$110 In Pieces of Gold From Davey

Samuel Davey, father of the or chestra leader of the same name a Poll's theatre, came to this city today on a visit. He carried \$110 in a It was also in gold pieces After witnessing a performance at the theatre and riding to the East End, where his son lives, he found his pocket had been picked.

MRS. A. W. ROBINSON PLANS TO RETURN TO ENGLAND WITH HUSBAND

Mrs. Arthur W. Robinson, wife of the leading officials of the Lotrip to London on business

NEW HAVEN ACTOR COMMITS SUICIDE

New Haven, March 25-William E. Bonney, a member of the stock company which has been playing at the Hyperion theatre for several seasons, took his life today. Hhe had been in- homestead occupied the site of the disposed for several days and confined stores. It faced Gold street to his room. dead in bed. Medical Examiner Scar- ly across Gold street and opposite borough decided that he had died both was the Hawley residence, in years past he had played in every part of the United States.

have been heavy while the casualties of the Germans were declared to be light. Zeppelin Is Thwarted In Raid on Saloniki

was a Greek volunteer, Albert Misvachi, a native of Saloniki, was shot

SON CAN ATTEND

sands of Miles to Reach Father's Grave.

Awalting the return of his sailor him. Rowe did not stop until he han into the hands of Policeman Or- han into the hands of Policeman Or- samus Bagley at Bassick and Fairfield a clerkship in the office of the companies.

Awaiting the return of his sailor on a skip leaving New York vesteration on a skip leaving New York vesteration on a skip leaving New York vesteration. The samus Bagley at Bassick and Fairfield a clerkship in the office of the companies. Alex, is a petty officer in the United mitted being in the jitney at the time of the altercation. He said he heard May 1 and is for two years at a sal-Until a short bring him. Zolymoi died 10 days ago. the delay was caused by a preliminary jorian leave the car to accept a chal-lime ago Senator O'Connell engaged His widow decided to postpone the examination to assure the government lenge to fight from the other two men. In the meat and grocery business in burial until the son who was then on that the shipment would not reach He said he took no part in the me- the North End. Lately he has been board ship in Havana harbor could He is reach home. A cablegram was sent Jailer young Zolymoi and he obtained a furlough to return home and attend the funeral. In crossing to the United States, however, rough weather was encountered and the steamer on which he was traveling was blown into the Gulf of Mexico.

He finally landed at Key West yes-Howard avenue and Cherry street and also was the owner of real estate in Howard and Hancock avenues. In the probate court today at the request of the widow, Bessie Zolymoi, and Attorney Ernest Berger, Kolman Kovats, sie and Lidia.

EIGHT KILLED IN CYCLONE AT DAVIS, OKLA.

Oklahoma City, March 25-Eight persons were killed in a farmhouse two miles east of Davis, Okla., by a tornado which struck that section last night. The path of the tornado was eight miles long.

DAVID ARMSTRONG GIVES OPTION ON MAIN ST. TRACT

Samuel Silver, a merchant at 1220 Main street, has obtained an option for the purchase of the David Armstrong property. Main and Gold The property includes the Hotel Alpine, Gold street, on which there is a lease for several years; and the stores of the GoldE Clothing Co., Eckler & Co., and Silver's own store. The price is said to be between \$135,-000 and \$150,000.

This land is part of the George Wade estate. In the '60's, the Wade thets as "Traitor" on Herr Hause, who homestead occupied the site of the againn tried to speak but members The Today he was found Isaac Sherman homestead was direct-

is successful in putting his deal

Villa Reported to Have Successfully Escaped From Encircling Net of Joint Forces and is in Retreat.

Fleeing Towards West, Report to Headquarters-More Troops Are Sent to Guard Border Towns.

El Paso, March 25-Francisco Villa was reported early today American and Carranza troops. News of the outlaw's retreat westward was brought here from El Valle but could not be confirmed at Bliss or in Mexi-

can official circles. General Manuel Medinavietia and General Manuel Banda, two former Villa officers who were taken into custody here a few days ago, have disappeared from the El Paso jail and are understood to be on their way to New Orleans.

In answer to protests from resident at Presidio, María and Del Rio, Tex., for more protection, Major General Funston today announced that a but-talion of the 24th infantry, now on the way here from Fort Russell, will be stationed in that district.

MAY ASK MORE TROOPS. Washington, March 25-Uneasy

over the situation on the Mexican border, Senate Republicans today held a conference with a view to de-termining upon a plan for asking for more troops to protect the border. The conference adjourned until Mon-

CARRANZA MUNITIONS. HELD UP; GO FORWARD

Washington, March General Carranga's Ambassador, protested to Secretary Lansing today that ammunition for Carrange, consigned

Secretary Lansing told the Amba his enemies. It will be allowed to go

forward. GEN. FUNSTON AWAITS WIRELESS ON BATTLE

San Antonio, March 25-With the wireless working satisfactorily for almost the first time since American terday and immediately telegraphed troops have been in Mexico, General that he would come home by rail as that is the fastest way. The elder Zolymoi leaves an estate of about ports that United States troops have He conducted a saloon at opgaged Villa forces near Namiquipa.
d avenue and Cherry street and In messages received yesterday from field headquarters at Casas Grandes, two of the American advanced columns were reported to be in the vicinity of Namiquipa but no

mention was made of an engagement The reported killing of three Amer. icans near Gibson's ranch - 15 miles west of Columbus, presumably by Mexican bandits, was received with deep concern at department head-quarters today. No confirmation was offered of the report from El Paso that two companies of the 7th infantry were on duty at police headquarters last night.

PEACE SPEECHES

Amsterdam, March 25—Advices from Berlin indicate that yesterday's sitting of the Reichstag, although brief, was the stormlest on record and had to be closed by the presi-dent. Of the Socialist group, Herran Hause, Ledebour, Scheidermann. Ebrie and Suedekum, were notably participants.

The sitting began with a heated discussion. The speech which caused the trouble was by Herr Hause, who declared that Germany would never win the war, which would be a long-drawn conflict. He declared that German Socialists hated war and do

gired peace: "The best patriots in all countries are those who speak for an honest peace," he is quoted as exclaiming. These remarks provoked a tremer dous uproar. The Socialist, Dr. Davis, shouted to Herr Hause:
"Your policy is causing a prolong

ation of the war. Other Somalists showered such epicrowded around him, threatening to strike him, and the president hur-riedly called the sitting to a close. It is reported that "Socialist linker community" is to be the name of a new faction formed with Herr Hauss as their leader.

Exports of copper from Atlantic ports during the week ended March II totaled 1,491 tone.